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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO FOREIGN
AIRLINES - ALM

REF: CURACAO 0225, APRIL 26, 1974.

1. REFEL INDICATED POSITION OF ALM WITH RESPECT
TO GNA AND FACT THAT CARRIER IS GOVERNMENT OWNED WITH
OPERATING LOSS SUBSIDIZED AND LOANS GUARANTEED.
SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED APPRECIABLY IN LAST YEAR
EXCEPT THAT WINDWARD ISLAND AIRWAYS (WINAIR), A
PRIVATELY OWNED NA CARRIER HAS BEEN INCORPORATED
INTO ALM WHILE NOMINALLY MAINTAINING ITS OWN IDENTITY.
ALM PURCHASE OF WINAIR FOR REPORTED US DOLLARS
445,800.00 WAS FINANCED BY GNA (CURACAO A-45) WHICH
PURCHASED WINAIR FOR RESALE TO ALM.

2. ALM MAINTAINS MONOPOLY ON GROUND SERVICE FOR
THIRD PARTY AIRCRAFT BY GNA FIAT. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS HAS CONSIDERED GIVING ALM EXCLUSIVE AGENCY RIGHTS
FOR FOREIGN CARRIERS IN THE NA BUT, SO FAR, HAS MADE NO
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CONCRETE MOVE TO DO SO.

3. COMMENT: GNA TENDS TO FAVOR ALM, BUT IS AWARE
OF LARGE ROLE PLAYED BY OTHER CARRIERS IN PROMOTING NA
TOURISM WHICH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO LOCAL ECONOMY.
AS VIRTUAL OWNER OF ALM TREND OF FAVORITISM BY GNA IN
SMALL MATTERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, BUT IT IS
UNLIKELY THAT MAJOR POLICY OF BLATANT FAVORITISM WILL
EVOLVE GIVEN HISTORY OF WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE
SUBSIDIZING UNECONOMIC OPERATION.
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